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It was with regret that I accepted your resignation severing your services with this agency. I realized that you were prompted by patriotic motives and that such service entailed personal sacrifice on your part.

I consider that we were fortunate in having had you with us for a year, and I wish to express to you our sincere appreciation for your significant contribution to the Central Intelligence Group during the organizational period.

Should you ever desire to return to the government again, I hope that you will resume your work with us.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for your future field of endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

*s/ - Despatch 18 Aug 47*  
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